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CURRENT COMMENT.

The death rate in London for the week ended September 26 was only 13.8 per 1,000 annually. This figure is the lowest ever recorded.

The plumbers of New York City recently made a demand of their employers for a reduction of hours of labor from ten to nine, with no reduction of wages.

A MOVEMENT was reported on foot, with fair prospects of success, to procure a pardon for the Younger brothers, now serving a life sentence in the Stillwater (Minn.) penitentiary for participating in the Northfield murder and bank robbery several years ago.

ATTORNEY GENERAL O'BRIEN, of New York, has just issued his decision in the Georgia repudiated bond case, and decided that the State of Georgia is in default, and that the savings banks of New York are prohibited by law from investing in any bonds issued by the State of Georgia.

A SPECIAL from Laredo, Tex., says a rumor was current there that the section men on the Mexican Central Railway, between Laredo and Saltillo, had struck on account of their wages being reduced from seventy-five to fifty cents per day. Much curiosity was manifested as to how the Mexicans would conduct the strike.

A RECENT dispatch from Berlin says: It is understood in diplomatic circles there that Austria is secretly supporting Serbia. According to advice from Philadelphia, the report that Russia wishes to dethrone Prince Alexander has greatly angered the Roumelians. The Prince, it is said, was never so popular as he is now.

GIUSEPPE LOMBARDI, formerly a lodging house keeper in Milwaukee, was committed to an insane asylum at New York recently. He had converted his possessions into a draft for twenty-two thousand five hundred francs, which he was about swallowing under the impression that he was beset by thieves, when arrested.

The question of the admission of half-breed Chinese children to the public schools in Little Rock, Ark., was decided recently. A number of the half-breeds, with Mongolian fathers and Caucasian mothers, had applied for admission. The Superintendent declined to decide whether they could enter at the white or colored schools. The Board was in favor of admitting them to the white schools, thus settling the vexed question.

The Chief of the Bureau of Statistics reports that the total value of the imports of merchandise during the twelve months ended August 31, 1885, were \$571,255,943, and during the twelve months ended August 31, 1884, \$657,871,316, a decrease of \$86,635,373. The values of the exports of merchandise during the twelve months ended August 31, 1885, were \$722,765,461, and during the preceding twelve months, \$735,018,792, a decrease of \$12,253,331.

The Government of South Australia has made overtures looking to the negotiation of a postal convention with the United States for the delivery of prepaid correspondence without additional charge and for the establishment of a money order exchange system between the two countries. This special convention is required because of the declination of the South Australian Government to enter the universal postal union.

The explorers Capello and Everts addressed the Lisbon Geographical Society recently in the presence of the royal family, foreign diplomatic representatives and a large number of members of the aristocracy. They showed that the Cubans is a tributary of the Zambesi River, and that the Luapula is the chief tributary of the Lualaba River. They said that the natives on the Upper Zambesi complained of aggression by the Boers. The explorers were presented with medals by King Luis.

THERE WAS a dramatic scene in court at Muncie, Ind., recently. Bishop Scott, Andrew Oney and Frank Poor were on trial for the murder of William Haynes on March 24, at Eaton. Bishop Scott shot Haynes in trying to frighten him, and Oney and Poor were his alleged accomplices. Scott, whose wife gave premature birth to twins, and whose father has gone almost blind with grief, was testifying when suddenly his mind gave way, and he became insane. The crowd surged around. His sister screamed, and during the wildest excitement he was removed to jail.

The President has issued the following: "Special rule No. 2, approved July 18, 1884, is hereby revoked. All applicants on any register for postal or customs service who, on the first day of November next, shall have been thereon one year or more, shall, in conformity of rule 16, be no longer eligible for appointment from such register." The special rule which is now revoked provided that the names of those persons on the registers of the Commission eligible for appointment prior to July 16, 1884, should not be taken off for a year from date from being entered thereon, but should remain on the registers as eligible for appointment for two years from that date without further examination or notice.

THE WORLD AT LARGE.

A Summary of the Daily News.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

MARSHALL SERRANO, of Spain, was reported on the 28th as dangerously ill.

LUCIUS PARKER, the oldest cotton cloth manufacturer in Connecticut, died in Mansfield recently of softening of the brain, aged seventy-seven. He left an estate of \$500,000.

The following ticket was nominated by the Massachusetts Greenbackers on the 28th at Boston: Governor, James Sumner, of Milton; Lieutenant Governor, James M. Buffum, of Lynn; Secretary of State, H. W. K. Eastman, of Lawrence; Treasurer and Receiver General, Walter Harmon, of Boston; Auditor, A. H. Wood, of Lunenburg; Attorney General, A. F. Hall, of Hudson.

RICHARD HOWELL succeeded in lowering his own bicycle record for a mile at Springfield, Mass., on the 28th, making it 2:31.2-3.

The Hon. Lyman A. Cook, of Woonsocket, R. I., has made an assignment. His assets are valued at \$100,000.

PROF. AGASSIZ has found it necessary to decline the office of Superintendent of the Coast Survey because of duties already resting upon him. The decision is greatly regretted by the President.

VICE PRESIDENT HENDRICKS addressed the New Jersey State Firemen's Association at Paterson on the 30th.

SPECIAL JURY MAXWELL has accepted the resignation of Horace G. Jackson, Assistant Supervising Architect.

The Earl of Shaftesbury, the well-known English philanthropist, died on the 1st.

GRANT memorial services were held in the Metropolitan Church, Washington, on the 1st under the auspices of the local command of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Pope has approved a decree of the Convocation establishing an Episcopal see in Nebraska, and the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, the present Vicar Apostolic, has been created Bishop of Omaha.

It was reported in Washington that the President and members of the Cabinet would attend the Virginia State Fair, to be held at Richmond, Va., on the 28th inst., if the pressure of public business does not prevent.

The President has issued an executive order directing Dr. E. O. Shakespeare, of Pennsylvania, to proceed to Spain and other countries in Europe where cholera exists and make investigation of the causes, progress and proper prevention and cure of the disease.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A COUSIN of Bill Jones, the Indian who murdered Mr. Boulden White at Caddo, La., a few days ago, killed an Indian in Blue County, La. T. Wilson Jones, the father of Bill, is said to be the wealthiest Choctaw in the Nation, and is terribly choctaw because of the death of his son and nephew.

THE Cuban tobacco crop for this year will be not only larger than that for many former years but of far better quality.

It was thought the Texas fever line would be established south of the Texas Pacific Railway in Texas.

FALSE POINT, INDIA, which was thought to have had the best harbor between Calcutta and Bombay, was struck by a storm wave September 22, and swept so completely that most of the inhabitants perished.

The mercantile failures in the United States for the quarter ended September 30 numbered 2,173, against 2,346 in the corresponding quarter of 1884. The liabilities showed a remarkable decline, amounting to \$23,809,000 against \$36,000,000 in the third quarter of 1884.

It was stated that the riot in Montreal was due to the perverseness of the Board of Aldermen. The better class of French Canadians were disgusted with the work of the anti-vaccination mob.

A DISPATCH from Louisville, Ky., says: The Jeffersonville plate glass works has assigned. The liabilities are not known, and are said to be largely in excess of the assets.

A BAND of Mussulman and Christian brigands, near Smyrna, have captured a young Englishman named Fred Charnau. They demand \$9,000 ransom.

HEAVY floods were reported recently in the eastern portion of Switzerland. Much damage was done.

INFORMED that received at Prescott, Ariz., from Clifton of the Indian department was recently so alarming that the Governor issued a general order calling out the militia for active service.

A SPECIAL from Warm Springs, Mont., of the 30th, says: One of the buildings of the insane asylum burned yesterday, and three inmates perished in the flames. It is not known if the fire originated here.

Messrs. SOUTHWICK & Co., bankers and brokers, doing business at No. 11 Wall street, New York, made an assignment recently for the benefit of their creditors.

FOURTY \$1,000 town bonds of Mattoon, Ill., were found in the possession of Tom Davis after his murder by Holland, of Texas, in New York. The Supervisor of Mattoon has sent to Governor Ferry for one of the bonds for examination, stating a belief that they are counterfeit.

A CONVENTION of colored men assembled recently in Lynchburg, Va., and issued an address declaring that the time had come for them to break from old party affiliations and think and act for themselves.

At a meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce resolutions were adopted requesting the President and the Secretary of State to make public at the earliest appropriate time the provisions of the new treaty with Spain.

The Stockholm (Sweden) *Svearigas Tidning* has been confiscated for calumniating the Prince of Wales.

At the sugar plantation "Aurora," near Jovellanos, Cuba, recently, four workmen, who had taken refuge from the rain under a cart, were struck by lightning and killed.

JUDGE BREWER in the United States Court at St. Louis granted a decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the St. Louis, Hannibal & Keokuk Railroad.

The public debt decreased during the month of September \$12,757,065.25.

The Missouri Pacific Railroad Company has leased the Central Branch of the Union Pacific Road. The lease is to run twenty-five years.

The rebels Salcedo and Estrada, belonging to the party of Llanero Sanchez, were shot on the 28th ult., at Babacoa, Cuba.

A DISPATCH from Berlin of the 1st says: The result of the recent interview between M. de Giers and Prince Bismarck will be to restrain Serbia, Greece and Montenegro from attacking Turkey. Otherwise Austria would certainly make a bold strike for Salonica and possibly for Constantinople.

DISPATCHES received in London on the 1st from various European capitals indicated that the crisis resulting from the Bulgarian-Eastern Roumelian Union was likely becoming more grave.

The English War Office has issued the report of Colonel Ketchum on the fall of Khartoum. The Arabs, the Colonel says, entered the city by the Boori gate, which was not defended. He acquits Faraz of treachery. Faraz was charged with having allowed the Mahdi's troops to enter the city.

The Naval Commission appointed by Secretary Whitney made its report on the 1st. The report was devoted to the description of vessels the country was thought to be most in need of.

ONE thousand derrisives have advanced to Hadir, which is within eighty miles of the furthest British station on the Nile.

Yates & Co., of New Laredo, Mex., undertook to transfer a large quantity of goods shipped to them in bond from Piedras Negras to New Laredo, recently. They afterward found the teamsters belonging to the transport train secretly tied to trees thirty miles north of New Laredo, while the most valuable portion of their goods had been carried away by robbers.

The Sherman House, Fargo, D. T., was recently destroyed by fire.

The business failures for week ended October 1 were: United States, 171; Canada, 25; total, 196; as compared with 185 the week previous. The Western and Pacific States furnished over half the casualties.

THE Protestant Episcopal Convention of the diocese of New York declined to adopt the amendment of the prayer book proposed by Dr. Rieley by a vote of 103 to 105. A committee was appointed to lay the matter before the General Convention.

In a trotting race at Cleveland, O., Henry Wilkes defeated Phyllis in three heats, winning the \$2,000 purse and 99 per cent. of the gate receipts. Time, 2:17.5.

The schooner Wheeler founded off Grand Marais, Mich., recently, in forty fathoms of water. Her crew was saved, but there was no time to save the clothing.

WILLIAM HEATH & Co., stock brokers of New York, suspended on the 21. Liabilities amounted to nearly \$2,000,000. Henry N. Smith also failed for \$200,000. The two firms were partly connected in stock operations, and the failure of the one dragged down the other.

The Government cruiser Chicago, the heaviest vessel ever built at Roach's shipyard, has settled on the ways to such an extent that workmen have had to shove her up to prevent accident.

EDWARD MCWENNEY, the Irish suspect, who has been an applicant for a position in the customs service at San Francisco, has withdrawn his papers from the War Department.

In a recent prize fight at Pittsburgh, Pa., a negro named Molloy hit Hunt's side of the pugilists, who was getting the best of the contest, blinding him. His seconds raised the question of "fool," which was allowed, and the affair broke up in a general row.

SEVENTEEN men and boys were fearfully scalded by an explosion recently at Clark & Co.'s iron works, Pittsburgh, Pa., caused by the rupture of a drum. Several of the injured, it was thought, could not possibly recover.

SOME HUNDRED special constables have been sworn in at Muncie, W. T., to aid the authorities in preventing an outbreak against the Chinese.

An accident occurred on the Canadian Pacific Railroad near Kamloops, B. C., by which one white man and five Chinese were killed and a number wounded. A cow threw the engine from the track.

The clearing house returns for week ended October 3 showed an average increase of 2.9 compared with the corresponding week of last year.

FIVE men belonging to Robinson's circus were killed in a recent railroad wreck on the Fergus Falls branch of the Northern Pacific Railroad, seven miles west of St. Paul, Minn. A great number of others were more or less seriously injured.

RETURNS of the census of the city of Boston show a population of 186,101 males and 204,205 females, a total of 390,306. This is a gain of 27,500, as compared with 1880.

A VERY heavy frost fell at Bedford, Iowa, on the night of the 21. It froze a sixth of an inch thick.

BELGIUM has withdrawn from the monetary convention. The effect of this step is anxiously awaited in Germany, where a severe bimetal struggle is feared.

SIR CHARLES DILKE, Bart., about whom so much scandal existed in London a short time ago, was married to Mrs. Mark Pattison on the 31. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain acted as groomsmen.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

The Reunion.

The great reunion of veterans at Topeka was the grandest affair that the Capital City ever witnessed. Twenty-five thousand veterans were in camp. The address of welcome was delivered by Governor Martin, and many prominent speakers were present from different parts of the country. The banner over the main entrance to the grounds was of very appropriate design. It extended across both main gates, being 36 feet in length, by 7½ feet in width. The design was an arch resting on two foundation stones labeled "Liberty and Equality." On these the arch extended upward, being composed of the representations of stones, each of which bore the name of a State, all the States being represented and indiscriminately mingled. The keynotes of the arch were the Stars and Stripes. In the semi-circle below the arch was the words, "Welcome to Camp Grant," while on either corner at the ends and above were the mottoes "Our Country One Arch," and its Keystone the Flag. Over the entrance gate and hanging from the banner was a sign, on either side of which in national colors appeared the G. A. R. badge. The Kansas National Guards, comprising thirty-two companies of infantry and one battalion, in all four regiments, were in camp on the grounds and presented a fine appearance. General Black, Commissioner of Pensions, who had accepted an invitation to be present and address the veterans, was absent. A telegram was received, however, announcing the death of his daughter and his inability to be present, and resolutions of condolence and sympathy were passed and ordered forwarded to General Black. Altogether the old soldiers had a most enjoyable time and will long remember with pleasure the camp-fires that burned so brightly at their reunion of 1885.

A TOPEKA dispatch states that it has been ascertained that the bonds voted by the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Railroad along the projected line from Baxter Springs to Kingman are worthless inasmuch as they were voted for a standard gauge railway, whereas the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic, on account of a defect in their charter, have no legal existence except as a narrow gauge railway. Their old charter was under the name of the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Railroad, but the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic, and instead of filing a new charter, the stockholders voted to change the corporate name to the Denver, Memphis & Atlantic Railway, but neglected to change in the body of the charter the words "narrow gauge" into "standard gauge."

THE Prohibitionists of Douglas County have put a full ticket in the field for county officers.

In the band contests during the reunion at Topeka the following awards were made: First prize, \$100; second, \$50; third, \$25; fourth, \$10; fifth, \$5; sixth, \$2.50; seventh, \$1.25; eighth, 50¢; ninth, 25¢; tenth, 10¢.

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A BIG COLLAPSE.

Another Heavy Failure in New York—Liberators' Nearly Two Millions—Could Among the Victims.

New York, October 3.—The suspension of William Heath & Co. was announced on the Stock Exchange yesterday morning. Alexander & Green, as counsel for Giovanni P. Morosini, to-day obtained from Judge Donohoe, in the Supreme Court, an attachment against the property of William Heath & Co. Mr. Morosini says in the affidavit upon which the attachment was granted that for several years he has had \$450,000 in cash on deposit with Heath & Co., subject to his draft, and that the only debt that could properly be made against that amount was for \$2,350 shares of the capital stock of the Manhattan Railroad Company, of the value \$190,000, and twenty-five second mortgage bonds, of the value of \$230,000, which he had ordered the firm to purchase for him, making an aggregate of \$420,000. He claims the firm is in debt to him \$265,000 in cash, and that it also holds these stocks and bonds for him. Mr. Morosini declares that he withdrew from the office of Heath & Co. yesterday for his money and securities, and received in reply that the company could not deliver them, as the securities had been hypothecated or sold and the money had been otherwise disposed of. He avers that he never authorized Heath & Co. to make use of his money and securities, and charges that they have assigned and disposed of the property with intent to defraud him and their creditors generally. Charles E. Quincy, one of the members of the firm, Mr. Morosini states, has been in Europe for several months past. He believes he is not a resident of this State, but a foreign country in Europe unknown to him, and also attached whatever property he may have in this State. The principal creditor of William Heath & Co. is Giovanni P. Morosini, a wealthy Italian, who is a resident of New York City, and who became famous by his connection with Jay Gould. His claim against the firm is about \$550,000, for which he has no security of any kind. Among the other great creditors are Jay Gould, \$200,000; James T. Low, formerly of the dry goods firm of Low, Harrison & Co., father of the present head of the firm, about \$400,000; Addison Cammick, \$60,000; and William L. Scott, of Erie, Pa., \$30,000. In addition to these, the firm of Senter & Co., which failed on Tuesday, is said to be a creditor to the extent of about \$250,000, in consequence of its dealings with Henry N. Smith. The liabilities of Heath & Co. are not full, but are \$1,800,000, and may exceed that sum. The assets, excepting the claim against Henry N. Smith are unknown. The claim amounts, it is said, to \$1,300,000, while the bulk of his liabilities is to the brokerage firm, also known as the C. T. Hudson & Co., more than \$100,000. He is also indebted to Woerleschoff & Co. for a still larger amount. It was estimated by good judges that Mr. Smith's liabilities would not fall below \$200,000. His assets are supposed to be nominal. Speaking of the failure Mr. Smith said: "My operations have dragged William Heath down and I am now sorry for him than myself. But I have not done so much harm as people have not deceived me. I supposed that he would be able to carry me through and he did not. He expressed his confidence in being able to pull through. There is nothing in the matter of joint account between me and Woerleschoff. We did have a joint account in Heath's office, but it was closed early in August. I think my misfortunes are my own, but I shall be on my feet again, and perhaps very soon."

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